

### City Detective Ends Course in Identification

Detective Wally Nitz of the Torrance Police Department has just completed a course of instruction and been certified as one of the nation's first qualified operators of the Identi-Kit system of criminal identification.

The Identi-Kit System, newest weapon in the continuing war against crime, is a system of visual identification of criminal suspects. A facial likeness is built by the system from a verbal description given by the victim or a witness to a crime. These images can be transmitted by a simple code to other law enforcement agencies by phone, teletype or written message without necessity of photographic reproduction. Speed of transmission greatly facilitates the apprehension of criminals as soon as possible after the crime.

**CONCLUSION** of the full-week course of instruction marks the first multiple department use of the Identi-Kit System by foresighted and progressive law enforcement agencies. Detective Nitz was assigned to the school by Chief Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Department.

Chief Bennett pointed out that the expanded use of the Identi-Kit System, with the cooperation of community groups and citizens in learning how to remember key facial characteristics in case of crime, will make the community safer from criminal operation. The Identi-Kit System is now an integral part of the law enforcement operations of the department.

The system was developed by the Identi-Kit Division, Townsend Co., Santa Ana, from a concept originated by Chief Hugh C. McDonald of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Chief McDonald was in charge of the course of instruction.

### Births

#### TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

- BALDRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kimberly, Oct. 1.
- WADE—Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lawndale, a daughter, Lauri Jean, Oct. 1.
- RISLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Redondo Beach, a daughter, Leleita Doretta, Oct. 2.
- CUTTING—Dr. and Mrs. Warren D. Redondo Beach, a son, Richard Andrew, Oct. 6.
- MILLER—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin, 7137 La Tijera Blvd., a son, Stephan Joseph, Oct. 6.
- SABIN—Mr. and Mrs. Jack, 412 Via Los Miradores, a daughter, Dorothy Ann, Oct. 6.
- TUTTLE—Mr. and Mrs. Darrell, Wilmington, a son, Darrell Martig, Oct. 7.
- MERONK—Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, 3715 W. 224th St., a daughter, Kathryn Ann, Oct. 7.
- ACORD—Mr. and Mrs. John, Wilmington, a son, Donald Wayne, Oct. 7.
- CARRAL—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward, Lynwood, a daughter, Peggy Anne, Oct. 8.
- VARGAS—Mr. and Mrs. Senaido D. Hermosa Beach, a daughter, Oct. 8.
- NEAL—Mr. and Mrs. James W. Los Alamitos, a son, James Wayne Jr., Oct. 8.
- SEHNERT—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy, Redondo Beach, a son, Craig LeRoy, Oct. 8.
- CALHAL—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward, Lynwood, a daughter, Peggy Anne, Oct. 8.
- PHILPS—Mr. and Mrs. James J. Manhattan Beach, a daughter Jennifer Lynn, Oct. 9.
- AUFDERHEIDE—Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Loma, a daughter, Cynthia Ann, Oct. 9.
- JOHNSON—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. 5029 Laurette St., a daughter, Laura Louise, Oct. 10.
- ASHBY—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dean, 1664 W. 206th, a son, Ronald Dean, Oct. 10.
- ROPIQUET—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald, 2456 W. 237th St., a daughter, Cynthia Ann, Oct. 10.
- BATTIST—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Gardena, a daughter, Valeria Lynn, Oct. 11.
- O'BRIEN—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. 2197 Ladena, a daughter, Karen Jean, Oct. 12.

#### RIVERA HOSPITAL

- LARSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Manhattan Beach, a daughter, Karen Ann, Oct. 4.
- BOSSHARDT—Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn, Redondo Beach, a son, Scott Lynn, Oct. 4.
- LULESIAN—Col. and Mrs. Norair, Palos Verdes Estates, a son, Timothy Roger, Oct. 4.
- ORMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Alan, 25226 A Loyton, a son, Scott Alan, Oct. 4.
- HENRY—Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Gardena, a daughter, Cynthia Loraine, Oct. 4.
- AUGUSTINE—Mr. and Mrs. Jerome, Inglewood 2, a son, Michael Joseph, Oct. 4.
- BALL—Mr. and Mrs. Truman W. 4812 Sharyne Lane, a son, Steven Wayne, Oct. 5.
- MOORE—Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Redondo Beach, a son, Gerald Stewart, Oct. 5.
- WILLIAMS—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 1809 Haas Ave., a son, Oct. 5.
- ARD—Mr. and Mrs. John H., 21243 Foxwell Ave., a daughter, Susan Marie, Oct. 5.
- BRYANT—Mr. and Mrs. James H. San Pedro, a daughter, Anna Louise, Oct. 9.
- ROBERT—Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 22113 Linda Dr., a son, Richard John, Oct. 11.
- MALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Redondo Beach, a son, William Lawrence, Oct. 11.
- DIPYNTI—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. 3016 Wildcat Rd., a son, Clayton Robert, Oct. 12.
- DOWLING—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J., Hermosa Beach, a daughter, Brian Lee, Oct. 12.
- MOWERY—Mr. and Mrs. George, Gardena, a daughter, Georgia Michael, Oct. 12.

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**COMPLETES COURSE . . .** Torrance detective Wally Nitz (1) receives his certificate of graduation as one of the nation's first qualified operators of the Identi-Kit system of criminal identification from Courtney Owens, executive of the Identi-Kit Division, Townsend Co., Santa Ana. The presentation was made at the end of a course of instruction last week in Los Angeles.

#### Initiated

Gerry Roberts, local resident, was initiated into Sigma Phi National fraternity Oct. 11 at the chapter house located on the Oregon State College Campus.

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